

I am, as a citizen of a so-called democratic nation, appalled that Sinclair Broadcasting intends to air the slanderous and false anti-Kerry "documentary". How can such lying political propaganda be allowed to be broadcast as news? I want the FCC to step up to the plate and stop this shameful broadcast. Such media actions cause me to be ashamed to be American and no doubt is meant to influence those who are ignorant and not well-informed. THIS IS NOT NEWS! THIS IS VICIOUS GOSSIP!!!!

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.